

LCB Meeting Minutes

7/21/15

Attendees

✓	Rosemary Beakes	✓	Bitia Dayhoff	✓	Maura Rossman
	Shirelle Bennett		Dawn Duignan	✓	Gwynn Marsh-Armstrong
✓	Dario Broccolino or Kim Oldham		Gary Gardner	✓	Louis Valenti
✓	Karen Butler	✓	Pam Grady		Donna Wells
✓	John Byrd	✓	Tim Madden		Restia Whitaker
			Phyllis Madachy		

Staff: Keri Hyde, Meg Mekelburg, Marsha Dawson

Public Attendees: Jackie Douge, Health Department

Meeting called to order at 8:40 am.

May 19, 2015 minutes were approved.

Jackie Douge welcomed and introduced.

Need Assessment Discussion

Jackie Douge reviewed the draft Summary Guide of the Needs Assessment providing an overview of some of the statistics in Howard County.

- Maura Rossman iterated the importance of having the Assessment completed by September 1st; there will not be additional funding to go beyond.
- Discussed discrepancy in the data for high school completion rates; information has already been sent to Restia Whitaker for clarity and possible input.
- Can treat the Governor's four priority areas separately and add it to the document.
- Karen Butler has provided information on child maltreatment from DSS.
- Board members were asked to provide feedback on how their agencies are addressing some of the issues outlined in the assessment.

GOC Update

- GOC is examining LMBs across the state, wants them to be more policy driven and mirror the Children's Cabinet.
- GOC and County Administration will examine County Code.
- Keri explained that this year is a transition year, focusing on board development and the Governor's four priority areas
 - Homelessness
 - Impact of incarcerated parents
 - Disconnected youth – youth ages 16-24 that are not in school and unemployed
 - Childhood hunger
- We're hoping to track information through current programs, foster care, local jails and state prisons.

Early Childhood Action Group

- The group will be meeting a total of six times with the expectation that information will be made available to the community in November.
- Discussions focus on recommendations that have come up consistently in past needs assessments.
- Karen Butler elaborated on bringing the business community together to increase their awareness about child care. Discussions were held about the possibility of the business community opening becoming more engaged in promoting the importance of quality early childhood care and education. There are a variety of strategies that may accomplish this. The group recognizes that there are no easy solutions but believes families should have the best options

GOC Monitoring Results

- GOC conducted their monitoring visit back in March for FY14.
- Results mirrored last year's visit where we continue to have repeated findings on issues related to board development, by-laws, the number of required board members, needs assessment and strategic planning.

- Although some findings were remediated, it won't show as in compliance until the FY15 and FY16 visits.
- A lot of the findings still center on issues involving the county code.

Board Member Updates

- Louis Valenti – Regulation changes are still delayed.
- Bitia Dayhoff – Summer enrichment program has ended; served 170 children and families. Goal for head start is still full day full year; the program year will be 49 weeks with 6 pre-K classes. Staff are recruiting children for fall. Three new buses are on the road; there's a need for one more.
- John Byrd – Reviewing menu items in child care and for events; defining and increasing healthy options by 50%. Their comprehensive plan/needs assessment is due July 17th; thorough analysis of camp season is half way complete, will need input.
- Karen Butler – The number of foster care youth has been reduced to 57; they recently participated in a trip to NYC to see the Broadway play Wicked. Starting in August, Xerox will be the contracted vendor for the child care subsidies; it will no longer be DSS. MSDE is managing this process, more details in the future.
- Rosemary Beakes – Would like the Board to have a presentation from the Child Advocacy Center.
- Maura Rossman – WIC provided 4000 vouchers to eligible families to shop at the farmers market, approximately half were used, so LHIC lobbied for a farmer's market to be brought to the health department. Farmer's market is now offered at the health department outside of Ascend 1 on Mondays, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm.

Meeting Adjourned 10:00 a.m.

Next Meeting: September 15, 2015